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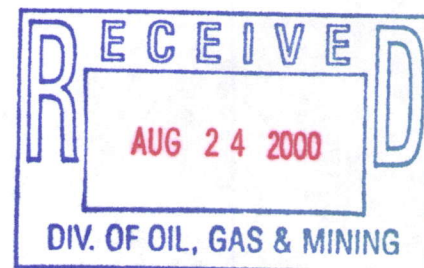
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August 23, 2000

Mr. Sal Venticinque
Project Manager
Bureau of Land Management
82 East Dogwood
Moab, Utah 84532

Letter Sent Via Fax and Mail

RE: Lisbon Valley Mining Co. LLC (Summo USA Corporation - Operator)
Request to Perform Water Well Testing (Drilling) - Fall 2000
Lisbon Valley Project



Dear Mr. Venticinque:

Regarding the above referenced request to perform water well testing, which was submitted to the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) on July 14, 2000, and your subsequent observation that proposed drill hole number N-4 was outside of the "proposed cultural inventory boundary," Summo proposes to eliminate this hole from your (BLM) consideration.

However, Summo proposes to bond for hole number N-4, in the event that the hole (or one nearby) is necessary and needs to be drilled at a later date. This will eliminate the need to have to amend the overall site reclamation bond for just one hole. This hole will not be drilled without BLM's approval.

As stated in July, Summo had hoped to begin drilling by early September. I hope this decision will expedite your/BLM's review and approval of the proposed activities. Once you have reviewed and approved the proposed plan, I will prepare and submit the necessary Reclamation Contract. In the interest of time, Summo may elect to submit a Cash Bond while a Surety Bond is being processed. Summo will request release of the Cash Bond once the Surety Bond is filed. If you have any questions regarding this request, please contact me at the listed letterhead number.

Sincerely,

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